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These many causes acted upon her sensitive nature and she succumbed to them when she had just begun to carry out those philanthropic ideas, so dear to herself and to her husband.

Her hatred of war and her love of all things peaceful was manifested in many ways throughout her life; but at her death she showed the depth of her feeling on this subject by leaving six thousand dollars to the Peace Society of Italy. Among her other bequests was one of ten thousand dollars to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, also an Italian charity, much like the American Society of that name. A beautiful fountain, costing some five thousand dollars, was one of the gifts which she and her husband presented to the city of Tortona in order to provide a drinking place for the poor people of the town. She also gave twenty thousand dollars to be used in the erection of a Home for the aged poor of Tortona, the city in Italy where she passed much of her time. Her private charities were innumerable.

WILLING TO DISARM.

BRAZIL WELCOMES THE PROPOSITION FOR INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 5, 1890. The Secretary of State has received a dispatch from the United States legation at Rio de Janeiro, announcing that the cabinet has passed a resolution enthusiastically approving the action of the International American Conference, in recommending arbitration in all questions of differences between the several governments of America. The following is an extract from *O Paiz*, the official organ of the minister of foreign affairs at Rio de Janeiro, referring to the subject:

"At the conference of the ministers, yesterday, the resolution of the International American Conference, determining that arbitration shall be resorted to to settle all questions arising among the American nations, was presented. We are informed that the government of Brazil, through the minister of war, Gen. Benjamin Constant, lamenting that Chili has not accepted this proposal, will lay before the next congress the idea of sending to Chili within five years deputations from all American republics to solicit the acquiescence of that country. And, as a natural consequence, that all the American nations shall disarm all officers and soldiers of the army and navy, to keep the same honors and rank as at present enjoyed. The minister of foreign affairs was authorized yesterday to telegraph to Washington this resolution of our government."

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL AID.

The following petition prepared by Rev. Henry T. Cheever, D. D., received 1066 signatures and was presented to Congress.

To the U. S. Senate and House of Representatives:

Your Memorialists, a responsible body of loyal American citizens, residents of Worcester, Massachusetts, alarmed by the late failure in the United States Senate, of the important measure that goes by the name of the Blair Education Bill, thrice before carried through the Senate by large majorities, unite in requesting that your honorable bodies will forthwith reconsider and put into law

that Bill or something equivalent; whereby the means of impartial primary education in free public schools, may be secured to all the illiterate freedmen and white inhabitants of the South, by the guarded appropriation of national funds to supplement State educational aid, as the same free school education is now secured to the people of less illiterate sections of the country by State aid alone. We urge that the honor and faith of the nation are pledged to providing such an education, especially to the densely ignorant freedmen and children of freedmen, through the agency of the tried American system of unsectarian public schools. And we therefore implore our national Congress to see to it that such education does not fail, by immediate legislation, adequate to the emergency of increasing ignorance and illiteracy, and plainly demanded by a large majority of the intelligent American people without distinction of party.

THE NEWSMONGER.

Side by side with the sermon of the eloquent or sensational preacher he prints the details of the simon pure or the disguised prize-fight of the day. The law that publishes the bruiser who affords the illegal spectacle has no power over the newsmonger who fosters public interest in pugilism, and extends the brutalizing excitement of the ring to the family circle. Pugilists would not fight by stealth in obscure places if the newspapers were not allowed to flood cities with their bear-pit heroics of the battle. Side by side with the quotations of the markets, the newsmonger prints the illegal "odds" of the race trades and the bar-rooms at election time. Not satisfied with leaving every neighborhood to the contemplation of its own social cesspool, he makes each separate locality the dumping-ground of the moral filth of the whole continent. By a strange perversion of justice, where law-breakers sow tares the newsmonger reaps circulation and profits.

If any one affects to call that a low standard of professional taste, his apology is that it is the public which demands such a coarse interpretation of his duty. This is not strictly true, because, in competing with his fellow-newsmongers for the public patronage, he takes advantage of the weakness for sensation and scandal, common enough to human nature, and abnormally developed among our own people by the license adopted by prominent newspaper.—*The Century Magazine.*

We notice a warlike scream issued by a M. Camille Dreyfus of Paris, in the form of a pamphlet, entitled "War a Necessity!" In this curious production he urges an immediate war with Germany. He screams out: "The historical hour has come! Two years ago it was too soon; two years hence it will be too late. France must fight now, come what may!" But there are wise men in France who can effectually answer their excited fellow-countrymen.

Perhaps the greatest resultant of the Pan-American conference was the compact whereby international arbitration was established as the basis of action in every case of threatening dispute between sovereignties, excepting where a country's independence shall be considered as at stake. Score one for the American Peace Society.—*Cottager and Ready Record.*